

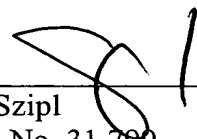
REMARKS

With the above amendments, the specification has been amended to incorporate the European priority application by reference and to incorporate headings under U.S. practice. The Abstract been amended to remove reference to Figure 2 per U.S. practice.

Accordingly, it is believed that the application is in good condition for examination. Questions are welcomed by the below-signed attorney for applicants.

Respectfully submitted,

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